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Object 6:1. Russian Personnel Changes

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- a. Gnezdilov, Aleksandr Vasilievich, until mid-May, was employed as chief engineer, Kombinat 241 but is now employed in the production department of Object 6.
- b. Mermanishvili was in charge of technical security Object 6 and is now chief engineer, Kombinat 241.

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2. Kombinat 241 (Schneckenstein)

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- a. Kombinat 241, a combine of Schachte 241, 343, 244, 252, and 347, overfulfilled its ore production quota of approximately 12,000 boxes by about 10% in April 1955. The May quota of about 9,000 boxes was also fulfilled. there is not much hope of fulfilling the June quota.
- b. Since ore production slacked off, there has been a quick advance in breaking new ground in the 250 m. level of Schacht 241. For this purpose, two grabs (Greifer) for hauling inactive stone, and 6 new overhead shovellers (Ueberkopfschaufler), type FML 63, have been delivered to the shaft. At present 52 overhead shovellers are employed in Schacht 241.
- c. Schacht 343 is to be closed as of 1 June 1955. Some parts of this Schacht will continue to be mined through Schachte 347 and 252.

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3. Kombinat Zebes

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- a. The April quota of Kombinat Zebes, 12,000 boxes of ore, was fulfilled with a good margin.
- b. Mining is at present proceeding with difficulty in this Kombinat, and it has priority in respect to personnel and technical equipment. About 100 workers and the same number of skips (Hunte) from Schacht 241 have been put at the disposal of Object 6 and are believed to have been transferred to Kombinat Zebes. S-E-C-R-E-T

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Object 96/I:

4. In February 1955, a new process was introduced into the plant which is designed to avoid the use of filter presses. Sludge is allowed to settle in vats (Bottichen); the heavier material sinks and is pumped on to the next part of the process.
5. In mid-April 1955, the process was not used for some days. After that time, all German personnel working there were transferred to other parts of the plant. Only Russians use the new process, and access is barred to German workers.
6. For lack of sulfuric and hydrochloric acid supplies, the plant is at present unable to work to full capacity.

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